

# THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

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## PARABLE OF THE PASTOR

### Provocative Propositions

Two weeks ago, the Session met at the Coggin's house. We were reminded of the August 10 gathering at Trinity Presbyterian for pizza, salad, games and conversation. "What is this?" "We were not aware of "the gathering." I replied, "It is a gathering for the congregations of Knox, Trinity, St. Andrew's and Knox – Sooke" to meet and play together." The Session said, "We weren't aware!" I said, "But it was in TWASA, in the Pastor's Parable. Do you read TWASA?"

So Thursday, August 10 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at Trinity Presbyterian. Join us. And then....

Two weeks ago, as the Session was meeting at the Coggin's house... I reminded us of the Picnic at Gorge Esquimalt Park following worship on Sunday, August 27. Bring your food, something to share, your place serving and chairs and come ready to renew acquaintances and make new ones with your fellow Presbyterians. Session replied, "Yes, we know. We plan to be there."

I then reminded Session of the Pulpit Swap during Morning Worship on Sunday, August 27. Each of the ministers are planning to swap pulpits... Mitch to Knox, Laura to Trinity and Cathy to St. Andrew's. Session replied, "Why would we not worship in the Park that Sunday? Why not all worship together?" I replied, "But it will take coordination with the Park's schedule. We will need a sound system. Shannon will soon be off on vacation. Time is short to communicate this." Session pressed further, "Why would we not worship together, in the Park, before the Picnic?"

With almost two weeks of finalizing the details, coordinating the logistics and working out the kinks at least those we know of currently), we are set. All the details are now in. **The Gorge Esquimalt Park expects the congregations to gather there for 10:30 worship on Sunday, August 27. The sound system will be in place. We will worship as one congregation – one wonderful Presbyterian family and then we will remain for a Picnic feast to follow.** And by the way, Session voted for this change to our Sunday schedule and are in favour of our worship together. We hope that you plan to join us.

Presbyterians in the Park

Pastor Mitch



## CONGREGATIONAL DINNER

Join us Thursday, August 10 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at Trinity Presbyterian Church for pizza and salads and spend some time getting to know the members of session and congregants from other congregations. This is an informal event but one that hopes to strengthen relationships between our congregations to foster further collaborative work.



## WORSHIP & PICNIC IN THE PARK

Enjoy a special outdoor worship on Sunday, August 27th with the members of Trinity and Knox! Rather than the usual pulpit swap, a single worship service will be held at the Kinsman Pavillion in Esquimalt Gorge Park at 10:30 am.

The picnic in the park will follow, as previously scheduled, at 11:45 am. Please bring your own picnic lunch, items to share, place settings, and chairs!

# TRUTH HEALING & RECONCILIATION WORKSHOP

07 SEPTEMBER

3:00 PM PACIFIC TIME



Presbyterian Church in Canada is inviting Presbyters, elders and church members to attend a Zoom workshop about trauma, intergenerational trauma and becoming Trauma informed in the context of Truth, Healing and Reconciliation.

REGISTER ONLINE AT [WWW.PRESBYTERIAN.CA](http://WWW.PRESBYTERIAN.CA)

## EVERYONE WELCOME! WORSHIP AND PICNIC IN THE PARK

Join members of Knox, Trinity, and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church for an afternoon of worship, visiting with old friends, and making new ones!



SUNDAY AUGUST 27 2023

WORSHIP AT 10:30AM

PICNIC AT 11:45-1:45PM

ESQUIMALT/GORGE PARK, KINSMAN PAVILION  
(ENTRANCE OFF TILlicum ROAD)

Please bring your own picnic lunch, items to share, place settings, and chairs!





## INCLUSIVE CHRISTIANS

[Around the Table](#) - an ecumenical communion service hosted by Anglican, Lutheran, Presbyterian and United chaplains on Wednesdays at 5:00 pm during the university term. The simple service focuses on reading and reflecting on the gospel, prayer, song, silence and sharing bread and wine. While this service is centered on students, all are welcome. After worship everyone is invited to enjoy a meal. We usually have 20-30 participants.

I need help providing these meals. If you, or a group from your congregation, would like to help prepare a meal in the coming term, please be in touch with me as soon as possible. The dates I am responsible for this fall are September 20, November 1, and December 6. The meal is simple – vegetarian/vegan soup or chili, bread and; butter, and salad, fruit or veggies. I can give you all the details to help you participate. Thank you for considering supporting students and Inclusive Christians on campus in this way.

- Laura Kavanagh

BALLET VICTORIA PRESENTS

# TEA FOR TUTU

## Ballet Rocks!

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
OCTOBER	OCTOBER	OCTOBER

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**29**  
OCTOBER  
2:00PM

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# ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR

OPEN CHURCH WED. AT 1:00 PM

MEDITATION HOUR WED. AT 4:30 PM

SUMMER SOCIAL THU. AT 2:00 PM

WORSHIP SERVICE SUN. AT 10:30 AM

<b>CONGREGATIONAL DINNER</b>	<b>August 10</b> Thursday 6:00 pm	Gather at Trinity Presbyterian Church with members of Knox, Trinity, Knox-Sooke, Chinese and St. Andrew's for lunch and conversation. All are welcome to attend this gathering.
<b>WORSHIP &amp; PICNIC IN THE PARK</b>	<b>August 27</b> Sunday 10:30 - 1:45 pm	Worship at the Gorge – Esquimalt Park at 10:30 prior to our picnic. Like last year you are invited to bring your own lunch and perhaps something to share. Chairs, a blanket, and any other comforts are recommended.
<b>RENOVATION MEETING</b>	<b>September 6</b> 10 - 12pm	In the Lecture Room. Everyone is welcome to attend!
<b>RECONCILIATION WORKSHOP</b>	<b>September 7</b> Wednesday 3:00 pm PST	Presbyters, elders and church members are invited to attend a free zoom workshop about trauma and reconciliation. Register <a href="#">here</a> .
<b>DUO CORVI &amp; FRIENDS</b>	<b>September 29</b> Friday 7:30 - 9:00 pm	The Early Music Society presents Duo Corvi & Friends at St. Andrew's; return of the international award-winning ensemble, Duo Corvi, with Occitan and Galician music from the 13th Century.
<b>TEA FOR TUTU</b>	<b>October 17 - 19</b> T/W/TH 2:00 pm	Highlights of 'Ballet Rocks' and light refreshments in the Kirk Hall. Reserve your free tickets by calling 250-380-6063 or emailing <a href="mailto:tea4tutu@balletvictoria.ca">tea4tutu@balletvictoria.ca</a>
<b>HALLOWE'EN CONCERT</b>	<b>October 28</b> Saturday 2:00 pm	The Royal Canadian College of Organists brings you a spooky performance just in time for Hallowe'en!
<b>SUNDAY CLASSICAL MUSIC SERIES</b>	<b>October 29</b> Sunday 2:00 pm	Presented by St. Andrew's Music Outreach, The Victoria Foundation, and Uvic Music. Free admission, donations accepted. Everyone welcome!

*St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church acknowledges and thanks the ləkʷəŋən People – WSÁNEĆ, Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations – on whose traditional land we meet and worship.*